

# Journey to College <sup>K-8</sup>

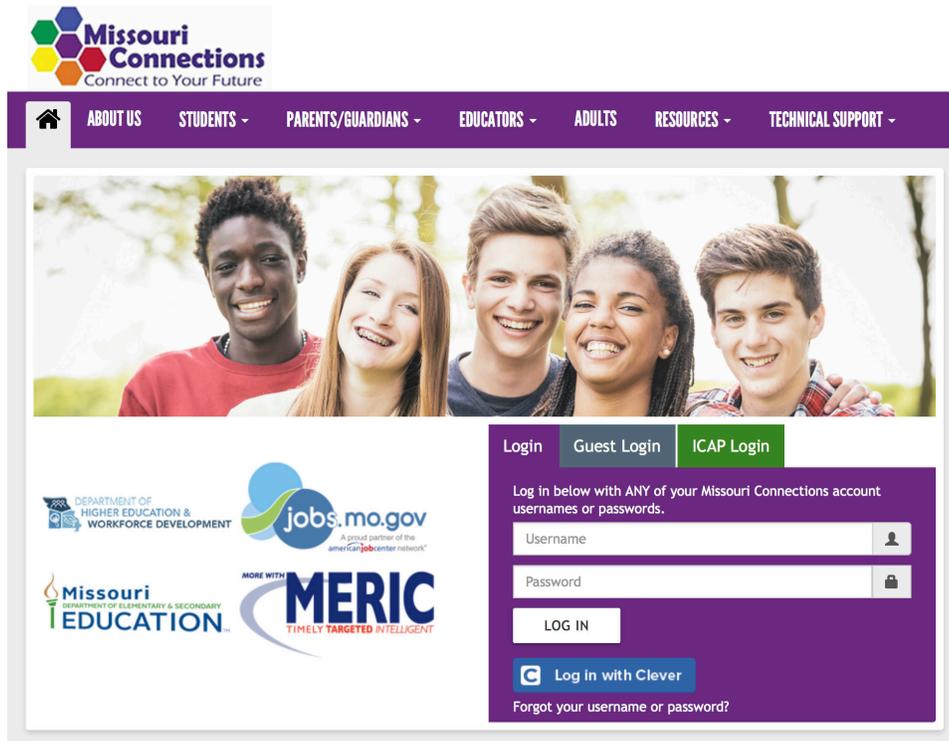
## Missouri Connections Tip Sheet

### What is Missouri Connections?

Missouri Connections is an online tool to help students better understand their interests, explore their talents, and to learn about college and careers. Students can make a connection between school, learning, and their future in the workforce. They can investigate career options and create a plan, take assessments to learn about career and education opportunities, and explore real data points around cost of living, career salaries, and high-demand career opportunities.

Missouri Connections is offered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Check with your school counselor to find your school's username and password to allow students the opportunity to log in and save their portfolios.

**Getting students connected.** Visit [missouriconnections.org](http://missouriconnections.org).



The screenshot shows the Missouri Connections website interface. At the top left is the logo with the text "Missouri Connections Connect to Your Future". A purple navigation bar contains links: ABOUT US, STUDENTS -, PARENTS/GUARDIANS -, EDUCATORS -, ADULTS, RESOURCES -, and TECHNICAL SUPPORT -. Below the navigation bar is a large photo of five diverse, smiling students. Underneath the photo are logos for the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development, jobs.mo.gov, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, and MERIC (More with Merit). On the right side, there is a login section with buttons for "Login", "Guest Login", and "ICAP Login". Below these buttons is a text prompt: "Log in below with ANY of your Missouri Connections account usernames or passwords." This is followed by input fields for "Username" and "Password", a "LOG IN" button, and a "Log in with Clever" button. At the bottom of the login section is a link: "Forgot your username or password?"

### 1. Log in to Missouri Connections.

- Students can log in as a guest if your school does not have a username and password. They will not be able to save their information within the site, but can print their assessments and other information.

### 2. Create a customized portfolio.

- Students will have quick access to assessment results, college and scholarship lists, and other career information.
- Information will stay with a student through middle school, high school and college.
- Students can create calendars of future coursework, school applications, and other career activities.

### 3. Develop a career path.

- Assessments and occupation information help students explore all career options and help students understand their own interests.
- Students can draft a career plan and update it each year.